

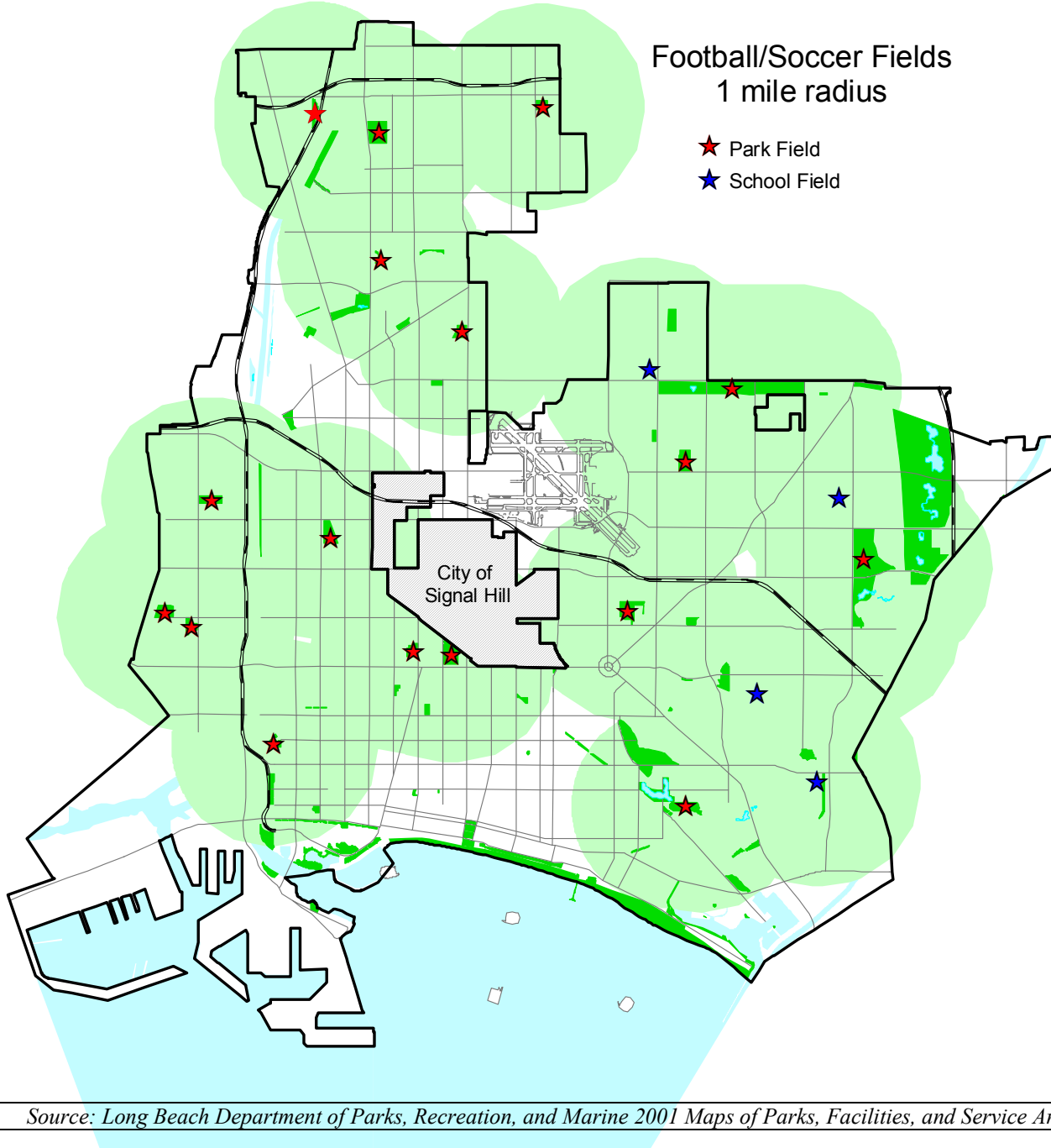


*Exhibit 43*

**LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND MARINE**

***Areas Served by Soccer/Football Fields***

***Areas Within One Mile of a Football/Soccer Field***



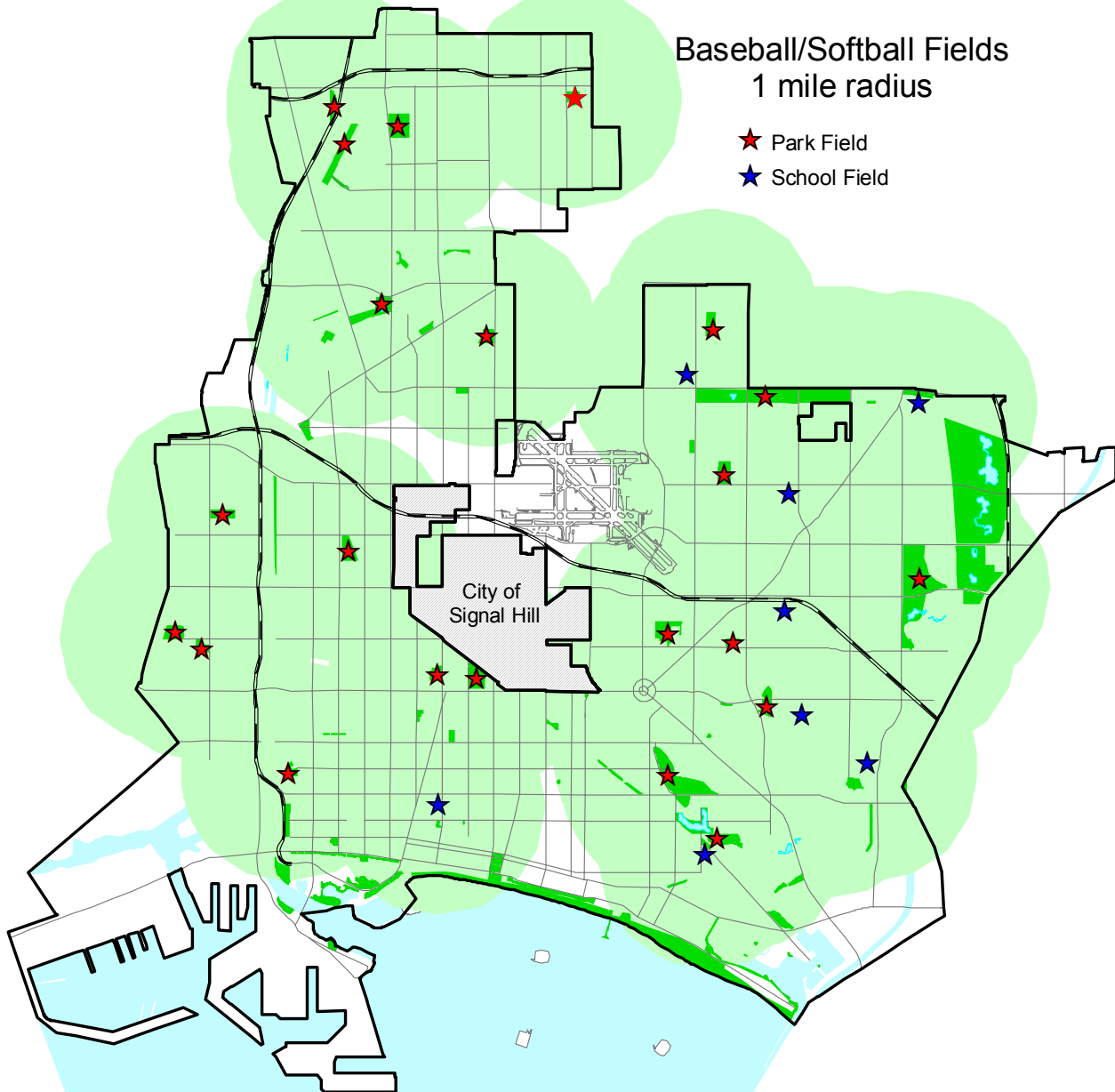


*Exhibit 44*

**LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND MARINE**

***Areas Served by Baseball/Softball Fields***

***Areas Within One Mile of a Baseball/Softball Field***



*Source: Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine 2001 Maps of Parks, Facilities, and Service Areas*

**Community Recreation Centers**

Community recreation centers provide numerous opportunities, including sports activities at

indoor gymnasiums, community meetings and social gatherings in meeting rooms, and classes on various topics.



Long Beach currently has a total of 26 community and neighborhood recreation centers, ranging in size from less than 1,000 square feet to the Senior Center with 46,000 square feet. Some of these centers include facilities such as gymnasiums, swimming pools, weightlifting and exercise areas, kitchens, theatrical stages, and meeting rooms. Other community recreation centers contain little more than meeting rooms.

The total square feet of community recreation center space in the City is 154,064 square feet. Based on the 2000 census population, this provides .33 square feet of community recreation center space per resident.

As the following exhibit shows, this level is below the target service level of one square foot of community recreation center space for every resident. To meet target service levels related to community centers, an additional 307,458 square feet of community center space is required to meet current needs. An additional 330,936 square feet of community center space will be required to meet the needs of the City's projected 2010 population.

**Exhibit 45**

<b>Analysis of Current Community Center Service Levels Compared to Target service levels Based on 2000 Census Population</b>	
Current Number	154,064 Square Feet
Current Service Level	.33 square foot per resident
Target service level	1 square foot per resident
Additional Need - 2000	307,458 Square Feet
Additional Need - 2010	330,936 Square Feet
<b>Based on 2000 Census Population (461,522) And 2010 Projected Population (485,000)</b>	

Ideally, Long Beach would have community recreation centers throughout the City. These centers would be sized to provide approximately one square foot of space for each resident in the area served by each community recreation center.

The following exhibit shows the locations of the City's current community recreation centers, and the areas that can be served by these centers based on the square footage of each center. As these exhibits show, there are numerous areas of the City are not adequately served.

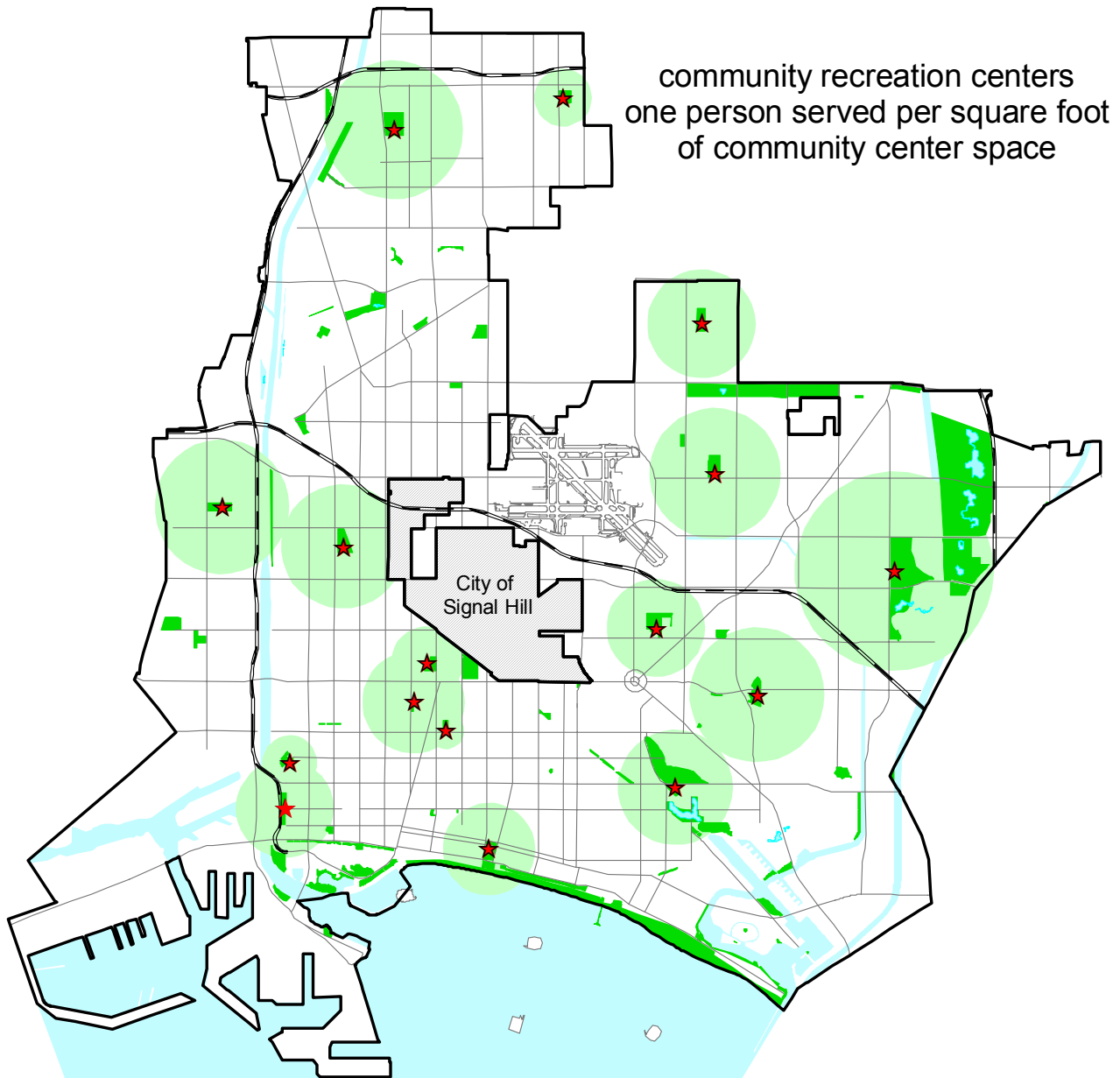


*Exhibit 46*

**LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND MARINE**

*Areas Served by Community Recreation Centers*

*Areas Determined Combining Size of Community Recreation Center and Population in Area*



*Source: Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine 2001 Maps of Parks, Facilities, and Service Areas*



### **STRATEGY 3: INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

The Long Beach Unified School District has substantial recreation facilities that are part of their elementary, middle, and high school sites. Virtually all of the District's facilities will always be closed to the public during school hours. The following exhibit shows the number of each type of facility that are accessible to the public outside of regular school hours, and the number of each type of facility that are not accessible to the public.

*Exhibit 47*

<b>Long Beach Unified School District Recreation Facilities Accessible / Not Accessible to the Public</b>		
<b>Type of Facility</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<b>Not Accessible</b>
Playgrounds	20	32
Swimming Pools	0	4
Tennis Courts	0	60
Basketball Courts	176	271
Football/Soccer Fields	2	40
Baseball/Softball Fields	6	9
<i>Note: Public access was determined by calling each school site, as a member of the public, and asking if recreational facilities at that site were available and accessible to the general public.</i>		

The School District's current policy allows each school principal to determine if the public can access recreation facilities at each school site. Some school principals have decided to completely open their facilities to the public; others have decided to completely close their facilities, often with high fences and locked gates.

Some of the School District's sports fields identified as not accessible are used by members of the public. To use these facilities requires applying for and receiving a permit from the District, and payment of a fee to cover the cost of school personnel on-site during the use. This use

meets some of the Community's recreational needs.

Specific strategies to increase public access to School District recreation facilities include:

- ✓ Identifying school facilities in areas most in need that are currently not accessible
- ✓ Working with the principals at those schools to open their facilities
- ✓ Working with district management to adjust their policies on public access to encourage principals to open their recreation facilities to the public
- ✓ Identifying areas where the department can increase their contribution to the mission of the school district

### **STRATEGY 4: DEVELOP ADDITIONAL CITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

While the School District has substantial recreational facilities that can help meet the Community's recreational needs, they cannot completely fill the current gap between the Community's recreational facility needs and current facilities. Not all School District recreation facilities can be made publicly accessible. Some of the District's facilities must remain closed to the public to meet the recreation needs of the District's students. Virtually all of the District's facilities will always be closed to the public during school hours. The City must pursue development of additional City recreation facilities.

Specific strategies to increase recreational opportunities in Long Beach include:

- ✓ Developing a new master plan for El Dorado East Park
- ✓ Developing master plans for each community park in the city
- ✓ Developing a plan to address citywide aquatics and pools, and developing Chittick as a major sports area



**STRATEGY 5: DEVELOP FULL SERVICE  
COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS  
THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

The Department is pursuing the strategy of developing four to five large multi-generational Community Recreation Centers. These centers would likely be 40,000 to 60,000 square feet in size, and would be located throughout the City based on the population to be served. Each facility would have a variety of facilities, including pools, gymnasiums, exercise areas, sports courts, classrooms, and community rooms. These centers could also provide designated space for groups such as teens and seniors, replacing the current approach of switching the same space between various uses.

Larger recreation centers are much more cost effective to operate and can generate a substantial amount of revenue to offset operational costs. These centers can serve more age groups in one setting and at a cost per person that is significantly less than current levels.

Specific strategies to develop full service Community Recreation Centers include:

- ✓ Identifying potential center sites
- ✓ Clearly defining community needs in the areas to be served
- ✓ Identifying potential development partners,
- ✓ Acquiring necessary funding
- ✓ Developing preliminary design concepts
- ✓ Communicating plans to community members and generating local support
- ✓ Managing the construction of these centers.